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The Bishop's Page

My dear People,

My first word is one of welcome to Canon Quentin Warner of Calvary Church, New York City, who comes to conduct a Mission at Christ Church, Edmonton. The Mission will begin on Sunday, December 5th, and will last for one week. While the Mission is primarily parochial, it is my hope and expectation that its influence will extend far beyond the Parish of Christ Church. The Missioner has had long experience in this specialized field, and his coming to us provides our people with a unique opportunity.

I have been impressed since my return from Lambeth by the eagerness of the men of our parishes to understand, and to accept, the responsibilities of their churchmanship. This is clearly shown, not only in the case of the men of Christ Church in connection with the arrangements for this Mission, but in various other ways. For example, during one week a considerable body of men turned out twice to meetings at St. Mark's and the Cathedral to discuss with me the findings of the Lambeth Conference. It is my opinion that the men and women are alive to the fact that this is a day of opportunity for the Church.

In conversation with some of the men I got the impression that they were most concerned about young people, and the problem which they appear to present to the older generation. Such concern is natural and inevitable when one remembers, with horror, what happened to the youth of Italy and Germany in the "thirties." The enthusiasm and idealism of a whole generation were forced into a wrong mould, and that generation was made—for years at least—fanatical, destructive and inhuman. Youth is the age of promise, when ideals appeal irresistibly and there is an endless fund of energy; when learning still comes easily, and loyalty is readily given to the right leader. The Church must make the appeal of Christ more compelling than the service of false ideas. This is the problem of youth (this quotation is taken from a popular report of Lambeth: "Today the philosophy of Marx harnessed to the astute mind of Josef Stalin has captured the idealism of vast numbers of young people of every nation in the world." "What has the Church to say to this? Criticism is useless. A raging torrent pouring through a broken dam cannot be stopped with a pocket handkerchief. Clergy in many pulpits have denounced communism—but mere denunciation will not stop its forward march. Plans and policies and pronouncements at the highest level will not stem the tide. But six hundred and fifty millions of the followers of Christ could do so. What a transformation could be effected if these 650 million churchmen were wholehearted followers of Christ.")



Here is the Church's real problem. If, through the slackness of clergy and people, we should eventually lose the hold we now have on the life of society, the Church in this country would have to "go under ground." Such a situation need never arise if we can all be brought to do our duty. "This the Church expects of every one of its members. Some time ago a Chinese gentleman came to one of our priests (writes the Bishop of Fukien) expressing a desire to become a Christian. The priest's answer was prompt and to the point: 'Do you mean business?'"

Again and again in the Lambeth report we are called to the obligations to which we are committed by our faith. The Lambeth Report lists six ways in which each of us can do his duty. There is nothing new or striking or romantic about them—they are just our every day duties as members of the Church—the duty of Church attendance; the duty of saying our prayers regularly; the duty of living as Christians in the place where we are; the duty of letting everyone know that we are followers of Christ in His Church; the duty of taking our fair share in support of the Church's work. If every member of the Church were to become in this way a practising Anglican, the Kingdom of God would come with real power in our generation.

I have in my letter this month strung together some of the things Lambeth has to say to us. I have been encouraged by strong evidence that there is an increasing number of Anglican men who really mean "business." Through the winter there will be many opportunities for us to study and to work together. Out of it will come a stronger and a better Church, and we will be more worthy of our great heritage.

Your friend and Bishop,

Walter S. Schmonlin

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The Editor's Columns

ARCHDEACON LEVERSEDGE

The passing of the Venerable Walter Leversedge, D.D., Archdeacon of Edmonton North, removes from our number one who has served the Church in the West for more than forty years.

Walter Leversedge came to the West as a Lay Missionary in 1906, and did his first missionary work among the settlers and the builders of the old G.T.P. Railway between Edmonton and Jasper in what was known as the Pembina Mission. He was our link with those early days when the work of our Church was under the guidance of Bishop Cyprian Pinkham, and before the formation of the Diocese of Edmonton.

Since that time he has served in a number of parishes, both in Alberta and British Columbia, and everywhere he has enjoyed the affection and esteem of all who came to know him. His friendliness and sincerity made him a popular figure at any gathering, and it is a fine tribute to him that all three Bishops of Edmonton have chosen him as their Domestic Chaplain. He will be much missed from our Diocesan life.

We thank God for his fine, long and courageous witness as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS

"Peace on earth, goodwill toward men" is a familiar text at any time of the year. World peace is the Number One Problem of our United Nations, and throughout the year we are in a constant uncertainty of hope and despair of the progress of goodwill among men.

It is at Christmas, however, that the words ring with fuller meaning, and receive fulfilment if only for a day. However disappointed we may feel about the progress along the road of peace at other times of the year, Christmas proclaims its possibility, and also shows us how it can come about. It also proclaims in the simplest of terms the obvious reason for our repeated failures.

It is beyond the minds of theologians and philosophers to understand all that the doctrine of the Incarnation implies, but the smallest schoolchild can glimpse something of the meaning of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, born in a stable, and cradled in a manger, with hosts of adoring angels keeping watch as they sing their anthem of praise. "In the fullness of time God sent His Son." "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

God's gift of redemption at Christmastide is only seen by those who are men of goodwill, and it is to men of goodwill that the promise of His peace is given. There can be no peace without goodwill, and it is vain for us to imagine that any world organization can legislate world peace for us unless the people they represent are people of Good will, that is God's will. Wishful thinking can never be enough, and an armed truce must not be confused with World Peace.

Christmas proclaims that God cares for the world He has created, cares so much that He has sent His Son, and "whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have the Light of Life."

We wish all our readers every Blessing this coming Christmastide.

"THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN"

This issue brings us to the end of our fourth year of publication, and what was once an ambitious experiment has now settled down to become an accepted part of our Diocesan life.

We are glad of the opportunity of this last issue of the year to pay our annual tribute to those who are largely responsible for whatever success this magazine enjoys. Once again we thank our Bishop for his interesting and inspirational page each month. It enjoys a wide reading, and has, on occasion, been republished both in Canada and overseas. Certainly those within the Diocese look forward to its friendly and timely message each month.

Other contributors to whom we extend our sincere thanks are the Rev. T. C. B. Boon for his

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DIOCESAN NEWS



NOTES BY THE BISHOP

For some time now I have omitted to report on my work. It has been suggested to me that from time to time I should do so. The form will vary according to the space available.

Returned—Sept. 23rd.

Sept. 26—Holy Trinity Church, 11:00 a.m. service.

Sept. 27, 28, 29—Meetings of Wycliffe Alumni and Clergy Conference at Christ Church.

Oct. 1—All Saints' Cathedral Silver Tea.

Oct. 3—Visit to Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Millet.

Oct. 4—Address, Edmonton Ministerial Association.

Oct. 5—The Passion Play.

Oct. 7, 8:44 p.m.—Met with a Special Committee of Christ Church.

Oct. 8—Recorded an address for CJCA.

Oct. 10—Services at Blackfoot, Kitscoty, Marwayne and Clandonald.

Oct. 12—Meeting of Family Welfare Bureau.

Oct. 13—Addressed McDougall Church Men's Club.

Oct. 17, 8:00 a.m.—Corporate Communion Canterbury Club, all Saints' Cathedral. 3:00 p.m.—Sunday School Rally.

Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m.—Meeting Canadian Institute of International Affairs. 3:00 p.m.—Meeting connected with Lord's Day Alliance.

Oct. 20—Addressed a group at St. Stephen's College on Lambeth and Amsterdam.

Oct. 21, 3:00 p.m.—Addressed All Saints' W.A. 4:15 p.m.—Addressed the Women of Metropolitan United Church.

Oct. 22—Meeting of the Senate of the University of Alberta.

Oct. 24, 11:00 a.m.—Dedicated Memorial Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's Church. 7:30 p.m.—Confirmation at Drayton Valley.

Oct. 25, 7:45 a.m.—Addressed Theological Club, St. Stephen's College. 4:00 p.m.—Addressed University Students on Amsterdam.

Oct. 26—To Wainwright for meeting of Vestry.

Oct. 27—To Jasper for two meetings.

Oct. 28—To Edson (between trains).

Oct. 29—Baptism of the infant son of the Reverend F. A. and Mrs. Peake.

Oct. 30—St. Paul's Church, Men's Tea.

Oct. 31—Services at Barrhead, Westlock and Jarvie. Baptised the daughter of the Reverend D. V. A. and Mrs. Browne.

Nov. 1—Addressed St. Mark's Men's Club.

Nov. 2—Addressed Canadian Corps Association.

Nov. 3—Diocesan Executive Meeting.

Nov. 4—Meeting of St. Paul's Vestry regarding new Church building plans.

Nov. 5—Reception of Anglican Students in foyer of Garneau Theatre. 8:00 p.m.—Addressed All Saints' Men's Fellowship.

Nov. 7, 11:00 a.m.—All Saints' Cathedral (sermon). 7:30 p.m.—St. Stephen's Church, Dedication of New Organ.

Nov. 8—Went to Winnipeg. Visited Archie Bowker and our other students at St. John's.

Nov. 9—To Toronto.

Nov. 12, 13—Meeting of the House of Bishops.

Nov. 15 to 18—Meetings of the Executive Council and General Boards of the Church.

Nov. 21—Preached, Church of the Resurrection, Toronto.

Nov. 22—To Ottawa for Meeting of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Nov. 28—Christ Church, Edmonton.

Nov. 29—Addressed Kiwanis Club.

Nov. 30—Confirmation, St. John's Edmonton.

Dec. 1—Holy Trinity, Congregational Social. Address.

EDSON—THE COAL BRANCH, DRAYTON VALLEY, ETC.

For a long time the work in this whole area has been sadly neglected. No resident priest has been there since Mr. Teape and Canon Hunt left. Now, at long last, I am happy to say that at the beginning of the New Year we shall have three clergy working in this area—the Reverend Howard Buchner, the Reverend J. G. Gardiner and the Reverend G. A. Robinson. The two new

priests come to us from Toronto and Hamilton respectively. A new day is dawning for the work on the Coal Branch by this arrangement. The clergy, having no family ties, will be free to adapt themselves to the work of the various communities and camps, which we designate the Coal Branch. The town of Edson will be fully served, as well as the work in Drayton Valley and surrounding district. It is with deep thankfulness and profound relief that I report this great forward step.

The Reverend E. J. Williams will come to us from the Diocese of St. David's in Wales early in the New Year to take up work as Assistant to the Dean in place of the Reverend H. W. Buchner.

I regret that I cannot at this time make an announcement of an appointment to Wetaskiwin and Ponoka. Negotiations are under way and before long I hope to be able to report satisfactory results.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER, 1948

5. 2 SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
12. 3 SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
19. 4 SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
21. St. Thomas A. & M.
25. CHRISTMAS DAY.
26. 1 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.
St. Stephen, 1st Martyr.
27. St. John, A. & E.
28. Innocents' Day.

BROADCASTING

Dec. 5—All Saints'	CJCA
19—Holy Trinity	CJCA
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Jan. 2—All Saints'	CJCA
9—St. Faith's	CFRN

ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR

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MORNING DEVOTIONS—CBX

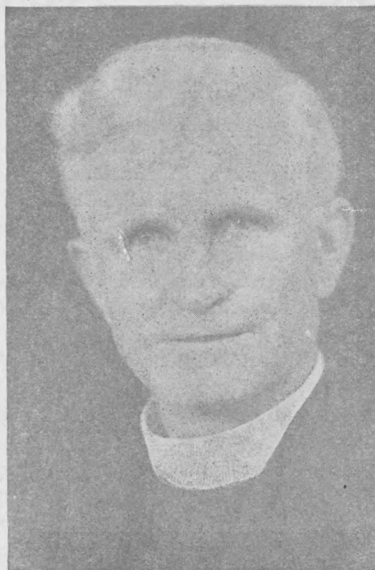
8:15 a.m.—Monday-Saturday.

Archdeacon Leversedge Passes

The death occurred on Nov. 25th of the Venerable Walter Leversedge, D.D., Archdeacon of Edmonton. He had been in poor health ever since his retirement after leaving Vermilion.

After service in England in the Church Army he came to Canada in 1906, and was a Lay Missionary in the then Pembina Mission which centred around Clyde. The G. T. P. Railway from Edmonton to Jasper was in course of construction, and the nearest railway was at Stony Plain. The area had been only recently opened up for farming, and settlement was very much in the pioneer stage. Travel was by saddle pony, democrat or farm wagon, and the absence of improved roads and bridges made traveling difficult and often hazardous. The visit of the missionary meant much to isolated homesteads. Bishop Pinkham made his first visitations to the area in 1908.

Mr. Leversedge was married in Edmonton in 1908, and made his home at Onoway. He was made Deacon in 1910, serving at Bassano and Brooks, and later at St. Stephen's, Colchester (South Edmonton). He was priested in 1913. He served as incumbent of Tofield (1914-17), and then moved to British Columbia to the Mission at Anyox



ARCHDEACON LEVERSEDGE

(1917-20), and the incumbency of Cumberland (1920-25).

He returned to the Diocese of Edmonton in 1925 to become Vicar of St. Mark's, and later served in the parishes of St. Paul's, Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Mary's with St. Michael's, St. Saviour's, Vermilion, and finally in the Parish of Wabamun, where he had

first laboured as a Lay Missionary.

He was appointed Canon of St. Aidan in 1935, and Rural Dean of Vermilion. In 1939 he was appointed Archdeacon of Edmonton North. He was a member of long standing on the Executive Committee of the Diocese, and also served on numerous Diocesan committees. He was Domestic Chaplain to Bishop Gray, Bishop Burgett and Bishop Barfoot. In 1944 he was awarded a degree of Doctor of Divinity (Honoris causis) by St. John's College, Winnipeg, as a tribute to his long and splendid service for the Church in Western Canada.

Archdeacon Leversedge will be much missed in our Diocesan Church life. He was always in the forefront of any diocesan activities, and a popular figure with clergy and laity. All who knew him will long remember his friendliness, cheerfulness and obvious sincerity.

The service of burial has been arranged to take place at All Saints' Cathedral on Monday, Nov. 30th, with the Bishop of Edmonton officiating, and all the Diocesan Clergy and members of the Executive Committee in attendance.

In August, 1945, the Archdeacon married Mrs. Eve Kathleen Reeves, of Edmonton. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Lillian of Edmonton, and one son, Frederick of Vermilion. The whole Diocese and a host of friends will mourn his passing.

EDITORIAL

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articles on "The Church of England in Western Canada;" and the Rev. F. A. Peake who, during the year, completed his series on Church History to the Reformation period. We would like to thank all occasional contributors, and, especially, all the parish correspondents whose monthly contributions of live news does so much to keep every corner of the Diocese in full view. It is quite certain that the Diocese as a whole has never been so well informed of its multifarious activities as it is now, and it is always a disappointment when the monthly progress report of any church is missing from the magazine. Again, our grateful thanks to Parish Correspondents. Nor must we forget the splendid work of Mr. Weibe in keeping our mailing lists up to date each month, and the work of those in the Synod Office.

To our Advertisers we again express our appreciation, and the hope that this magazine, with its circulation to more than five thousand five hundred homes, brings them some well deserved return for their support.

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

Now earth has many a shadow,
And doubt rules near and far;
But faith shall ne'er desert us,
"For we have seen His star."

Nations clash with nations
'Tween East and West's a bar;
But quest we still for brotherhood,
"For we have seen His star."

Lift high, then, hearts and voices—
Let nothing your joy mar!
The Christ is King of Glory:
Lo, "We have seen His star."

—Rt. Rev. Walter H. Gray.



Woman's Auxiliary



THANK YOU

The President desires to use this column to say a real "Thank You" to all branches and friends who have sent cards and letters. It has been impossible to answer these individually.

WORLD PEACE— CALL TO PRAYER

Prayer at 12:00 noon (whenever possible): "Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to send into our hearts, and into the hearts of all men everywhere, the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Greetings

The President and Executive send Happy Christmas Greetings to all Presidents and Branches in the city and outside the city.

New Branches

St. Thomas Park Branch, Wainwright.
Vermilion Evening Branch.

New Life Members

Welcome to Mrs. H. J. Black, Hughenden.

Addresses

Mrs. F. A. Garton, 11304 127 Street, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. C. H. Harris, 10806 125 Street, Treasurer.

Visits of Officers

Mrs. Currey and Mrs. A. E. Hutt to Fort Saskatchewan, on the occasion of a Life Membership being presented to Mrs. Smith by St. George's W.A.

Mrs. C. H. Harris to Wainwright on October 20th as proxy for the President, to organize a new branch of the W.A.

Mrs. W. D. Neely and Mrs. L. D. Moore, October 13th, to Ponoka to attend a Little Helpers' Rally.

From the Evening Board Meeting, October 15th

A delightful Dorcas display was arranged by Mrs. A. E. Hutt to show the branches some of the major articles sent in the bales. Several of the girls from Mrs. Field's group of St. Faith's acted as models, showing the attractive sweaters, skirts, dresses, parka hoods and nightgowns and aprons.

Our grateful thanks to the girls, their leader and to Mrs. Hutt. Many expressions of renewed interest in Dorcas work have been heard since the demonstration.

The Treasurer reported that \$505, the fourth quarter, was due on the General Pledge, and \$565 Diocesan Pledge, but expects that the remaining pledges and fees and other moneys will be forthcoming by the middle of December.

U.T.O. Secretary reported \$305.01 was presented at the Dominion Annual: this is the highest amount in many years. In 1942 the amount was \$89.14. The Secretary is grateful for the co-operation of the branches and individual members who contribute to this worthy fund.

Branches who have accepted an increase of Pledge since the last report:

City—Holy Trinity Young Women's Fellowship; Christ Church Evening Branch; St. Faith's Afternoon Branch; St. Faith's Evening Branch.

Outside city—Wilberforce, Tofield, Winfield, Ashmont, Wetaskiwin, Leduc, Loughheed, Jarvie.



The Pilgrim's Way

(Impressions by Mrs. H. Gutteridge).

For hundreds of years, Canterbury has been a place to which pilgrims have journeyed from all over the world. On Friday, July 16th, 1948, members of the Central Council and Delegates to the Mothers' Union World-wide Conference joined in the stream of pilgrims. The Conference had been going on in London and elsewhere since July 9th.

Following week-end retreats, the Conference proper opened on Monday, with a reception and an "at home" at the Mary Sumner House and Caxton Hall, Westminster. Practically all Anglican Dioceses throughout the world were represented, in many cases by a Bishop's wife.

On Wednesday, Her Majesty the Queen had been presented with a 17th Century silver bell and box, a clock (an exact replica of one in possession of King George, and much admired by the Queen), and a cheque for £1,450. These "Silver Wedding" presents to Her Majesty were presented by Mrs. Geoffrey Fisher, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

On Thursday, the delegates had listened to an impassioned appeal by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, to lay the foundations of Faith, Character and Morale in the homes of our Commonwealth. This was the mother's job and could not be left to schools and the state.

On Friday, the Mothers' Union went down in a body, along the Pilgrims' Way to Canterbury. Those in London for the Conference went down by Coaches, but hundreds travelled by train from every corner of the south country. At Mrs. Barfoot's invitation, I went up from Eastbourne, with my sister, and all along the line women wearing the M.U. pin boarded the train. I had a delightful conversation with a Mrs. Heaton, who, with her husband, had spent many years in Bombay, and whose daughter was still a missionary out there.

Mrs. Barfoot met us at the entrance to St. Augustine's College, which trains young men for overseas missions. A standing lunch was served in the Refectory—coffee, sandwiches, savouries, jelly and ice cream.

Mrs. Roberts, Diocesan M.U. President, welcomed us all to Canterbury, especially to St. Augustine's, which she named the cradle of Christianity, and rightly so.

Students from the College conducted parties of 20 or 30 around the ruins. We were fortunate to have as our guide

a young third-year student, Leslie Dredge.

St. Augustine's College was built on the site of what was once a Pagan Roman Temple. The remains of this temple were given by King Ethelbert, whose wife, Bertha, was a Christian, for the use of Christians. In one corner are the ruins of a wee chapel, capable of holding just Bertha, Ethelbert and St. Augustine. There is a little legend about this chapel. There are remains of other small chapels—Temple of St. Richard, Chapel of St. John, and so on. The first four Saxon kings were buried here. There were tombstones dated as far back as 619, 624. In another corner I noticed stones which read Abbot Bourne 1334, and Abbot Colwel 1335. Truly we were on Hallowed ground.

Leaving the ruins we came into the Students' Chapel, round the walls of which were many names from all over the world. I found names from Quebec, Newfoundland, Ontario, and even Calgary, but none from Edmonton.

At 2:00 p.m. the Pilgrims, led by Mrs. Fisher, were met at the door of the Cathedral by the Dean of Canterbury. Delegates from overseas headed a long procession which walked the length of the Nave, round the Nave Altar, up the Chancel Steps, and through the screen into the Choir. The Nave of the Cathedral was filled by some 1,500-2,000 women from the Diocese of Canterbury. We sat in awe and reverence, in this Mother Church of the Anglican Communion, where, for more than 1,500 years, countless prayers have been offered and hymns of praise have echoed from its walls.

After a short organ recital came the banner procession, 122 banners, with three women to each banner came down the Nave, through the Choir, and round to the north and south Transcepts. The banner of Canterbury Diocese was carried to the gate of the Sacrament.

The service opened with the chanting of the Psalm, "O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song," unaccompanied, by a full choir of men and boys, which to me was the most impressive note of the whole service. This service was a shortened form of Evensong, the Dean of Canterbury reading the lessons. A special anthem, "Sing Joyfully Unto God Our Strength" (this chant was

specially composed for the enthronement of the late Archbishop Temple) was sung by the choir. This was followed by a sermon preached by the Right Reverend Stradling, Lord Bishop of Masasi. He chose as his text the words, "Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we rejoice," and "Fear not, O Land, be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things." His quiet, gentle voice reached the vast congregation through amplifiers. He brought greetings from East Africa and told many stories of the faith and generosity of the native women of his far-off Diocese, and urged all mothers to train their children for Heaven. Everyone turned to the Altar while the Choir sang the "Te Deum," and then the Dean pronounced the final blessing, which was incorporated in a prayer for courage, wisdom, endurance and love. Then the withdrawal of members of the Foundation, the banners and the pilgrims took place.

There were hundreds of people milling around the door of the Cathedral as we came out. Those of us who had time to spare were taken to see the Cloisters and the gardens, the place of Thomas a Becket's martyrdom, where generations of pilgrims have knelt and crawled. And so ended a memorable experience.



PEACE

Above the voices of the world
We hear the angel's song;
Amid the hate and greed of war
We know that love is strong.

For long ago God dreamed a dream
Of peace, goodwill to men,
He knows men will remember
And dream His dream again.

CHURCH-GOING: TWO STYLES

Much church-going is just a matter of sampling. You go in order to see what the Rector is like, or renew your memories of the old days, to see how the Church looks now, and what the service is like. In this way, you can go from one Church to another, without any sense of responsibility much as a tourist might go into an old cathedral.

The other style of church-going is less comfortable, because more responsible. You know it is going to cost something in personal sacrifice.

In this style, the Rector has his faults, but God does not. The Church is not always attractive, but God is. You don't always feel like going, but God wants you to go. Past memories have their pleasant side, but the present and the future are more important.—The Rev. C. E. Hopkins, in Episcopal Church Times.

I like the man who faces what he must
With step triumphant and a heart of cheer,
Who fights the daily battle without fear:
Sees his hope fail, yet keeps unfaltering trust,
That God is God, that somehow, true and just,
His plans work out for mortals.

—Sarah K. Bolton.

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Christmas Customs

By THE REV. W. LEIGH RIBBLE

Rector of Grace and Holy Trinity Church Richmond, Virginia

Important as the birth of Our Lord is to us, we do not know the day, nor the month, nor the year in which it happened! The Christian Church at first seems to have made little of Christmas. It was more interested in the Man than the Child; in the Saviour than the Babe; in the Cross and the empty tomb than in the stable and the manger. For their festivals and observances the early Christians began with the great events of the close of Jesus' ministry and worked backward as time went on. The festival of Christmas was at first a purely spiritual festival; there was no tree, no greens, no tinsel, no great feasts and no definite date. The prominence now given the day appears to have come about as the result of interest in children and the struggle with paganism.

Sections of Eastern Christianity observe January 6 as Christmas Day. We who follow the tradition of Western Christianity celebrate December 25. According to the Roman Calendar, December 25 was the date of the winter solstice, the time when the sun reaches the lowest point in the heavens and begins to rise again with power and splendor over the world. The Emperor Turelian designated December 25 as the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun. The Western Church in due time took this day as its great holy day in the fourth century doubtless for the reason given by St. Chrysostom:

"On this day also the Birthday of Christ was lately fixed at Rome in order that while the heathen were busy with their profane ceremonies, the Christians might perform their sacred rites undisturbed. They call this . . . the Birthday of the Invincible One but who is so invincible as the Lord? They call it the Birthday of the Solar Disc: but Christ is the Sun of Righteousness."

So December 25 came to be the date of the Christ festival. It was taken away from the pagans but paganism left its mark on the celebrations surrounding the season.

For example, in Southern Europe, the period from December 17 to December 24 was the time of the Saturnalia, dedicated to the Roman Deity Saturn. The season was marked by feasting, by the



exchange of gifts, and the adornment of public places with shrubs. In time of war special truces were arranged. Slaves and masters dined and made merry together as equals. Christianity had to contend with this old Roman festival and much of its spirit passed into Christmas celebration, especially among English speaking peoples. That transient feeling which blossoms at Christmas time that the poor and unfortunate must have a good time once in the year seems to owe as much to this heathen festival as to the spirit of the loving Son of Man. This is the Christmas which, mixed with a little sentimental Christianity, lies so pleasantly in the genial pages of Dickens but which also tends to lower the tone of our observance.

Another great festival with which a spreading Christian Church had to contend in the northern parts of Europe was the one called Yule. This was not a day of a week but a two month period extending from the middle of November to the middle of January. In those days after pastures had failed with the approach of winter, plentiful flocks and herds could not be carried over until spring. A great slaughter of animals was inevitable, followed by excessive feasting and great drunkenness.

For a long while the Church fought bitterly against the superstitions and riotous excesses bound up with these festival seasons. But it discovered that people gave up their old gods more readily than their habits and customs. It made headway against the license and immorality characterizing these festivals. It finally slew the pagan

deities and entombed them in the names of the days of the week and of the months of the year. The customs which could not be uprooted were absorbed and given a Christian name and interpretation. What it could not destroy the Church nobly sought to cleanse and consecrate.

When the season of Christmas now calls to mind the crackling fires on the hearth, lighted candles, rooms adorned with evergreens, bright berries and flowers, wholesome feast and frolic—these are pagan elements taken over and made part of the Christmas scene. Into the setting of the more innocent and beautiful symbols, dear to the hearts of people, the Church put the Christ Child, for us to worship and adore with gladness.

Pagans brought evergreen sprays into their homes during the winter festivities for good luck. There was the idea also that the woodland spirits shivering outside in the cold and sleety trees might be induced to come into the houses along with the broken boughs and then pleased with the warmth and hospitality of the home would bring good fortune to the members of the household.

The ancient Church at first frowned on bringing these customs into the Christmas season, but it became wisely tolerant toward certain of these heathen practices which were endeared to people by long usage. Yet she tried to give them new meaning. Holly with its thorny leaves and red berries came to be a symbol of the drops of blood the crown of thorns drew from the Saviour's brow. The holly wreath with a star of light in the centre symbolized at once the Joyful Mysteries of the Incarnation

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and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Cross and Passion which were always linked in mediaeval thinking.

The Christmas Tree, especially for children, is the loveliest of our Christmas customs. It grew in part out of the pagan idea of using decorative shrubs at festivals and the bringing of boughs into the home. Long after the Christians began using evergreen sprays for Christmas decorations, the desire to add a note of floral praise to the Christmas festival grew up in many places. Boughs of flowering shrubs and trees were also brought into homes and forced into bloom by Christmas. Often small trees were put into pots in the corner of a room and carefully nursed into bloom. Our modern Christmas tree is simply an artificial substitute for these blooming sprays and trees and was developed first in Germany when fir trees were set up in parlors and were decorated with roses cut out of many-colored paper, with apples, ribbons, and gold foil. Candles were fixed to the branches and gifts were tied to the branches or placed around the base. And so in our homes the Christmas tree has become a thing of glory and wonder for the little ones. In our reflective moments we can get a hint of its real significance, for it is a symbol of Christ, Who, as the Tree of

Life, offers freely to all His gifts of good things and of light.

Though pagan customs which made their way into the observance of this holy and happy season have over the centuries been accepted and put to beautiful and sacred uses, the pagan spirit also hovers nearby, always trying to crowd out the Christ Child and to reclaim what was torn from it. It always threatens to turn feasting into gluttony, drinking into drunkenness, the holy day into a holiday, Christian happiness into revelry, faith into sentimentality, and worship into profane self-indulgence. The Christ Child cannot be removed from the setting without destroying it. If He is forgotten, there is no reason to celebrate Christmas for there is no good news to hear, no music from on high to listen to. If Christmas is changed from a religious season to a family and social custom all we have at best is indulgence in sentimentality which cannot long have meaning.

There is only one reason for Christmas out of which all our joyful Christmas customs come:

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

—Southern Churchman.



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We need all to remind ourselves of the words of St. Paul, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

L. CAMP, Secretary,
Sunday School by Post,
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Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee
Thy soul is all forlorn.

—Bernard of Clairvaux.

The Church of the Singing Angels

A Children's Story for White Gift Sunday.

Once upon a time, many, many years ago, there was a very warlike nation which was always threatening and bullying the smaller nations which were its neighbors. At harvest time it would send its soldiers into the fields of the small countries and steal their crops. Sometimes they would drive away their cattle, and never pay for them. Sometimes they would demand large sums of money and they had been known to come with their armies and carry off the menfolk and the womenfolk as slaves. All the smaller nations were in fear and terror, and if they attempted to form a protective alliance among themselves, the big warlike nation would threaten them one by one.

There was one little nation which refused to be bullied. If the armies of the big nation came they would not give in, but would fight and drive them out. If any large sums of money were demanded they would always refuse to pay. They were a very brave people who trusted that God would help them against tyranny.

The time came when a new king ascended the throne of the big nation, and he made up his mind right at the start that he was not going to have any small states around his kingdom. He would swallow them up and be king of them all, and make them all pay tribute to him. And he did. One by one the small countries were conquered by his armies until there was only one nation left, the brave little nation which refused to give in. So he sent his great armies against them, with all their horses and guns, but the brave people of this little land fought hard, so hard that they completely defeated the armies of the big nation, and forced them to surrender. Then they restored the kings who had been captured, and made them all agree to live at peace.

Now this was all very fine, but the trouble was that while they were at battle no one was able to look after the crops, and the harvest was almost a complete failure. Some people even began to complain, saying it would have



been better to have given in rather than starve to death.

It so happened that across the seas there were many people who thought they would like to help the starving folk of the small brave nation. They had food to spare, lots of it, and they admired the courage of the soldiers of the small nation. So they decided to send over some food in ships: wheat, cattle, butter, eggs, and everything they could get the people to give, and arrangements were made to have these gifts collected.

In one little village they decided they would make their collection at Christmas, and have everyone bring gifts to the Church. The Church was called "The Church of the Singing Angels," though why it was called that no one seemed to know, unless it was because of all the plaster angels carved on the arch above the chancel steps. They were nice enough angels, but they certainly never sang, and some were looking one way and some were looking another, and some even had trumpets.

The night before the service was to be held the Bishop had a dream. In his dream he found himself in the Church, and looking up, to his amazement, all the angels were singing the most beautiful anthems he had ever heard. The angel in the centre said to him, "We'll sing tomorrow night if any one brings a gift that is a real gift of love and sacrifice." Then the good Bishop woke up.

The next night they held the service, and many of the townspeople came

with their gifts of food for the brave people. You never saw such gifts, all wrapped in white paper. After the Hymn they came up to present their gifts. The first one was the Lord Mayor, and he came with his red face and red tie and red carnation and gold chain, and a huge parcel. As he walked down the aisle he kept turning around to show people how big his parcel was, and he would tell them how much money it had cost him. As soon as he had put it down at the chancel steps he looked up at the angels as if to say, "You can start singing now!" But there was not sound from the plaster angels. So he went back feeling rather vexed and muttering about ingratitude. Others came with their gifts. Some had written notes inside telling whoever received them to be sure and write a letter of thanks, and if they would like to send anything back in appreciation, where to send it, and so on. Others had their gifts nicely wrapped, but many of them seemed to have given rather from a sense of duty, or else because they did not want to appear to be mean.

There were two little children there. At one time their parents had lived in the little land across the sea, and they had got news that four of their father's brothers had been killed fighting against the enemy, and they wanted so much to bring a gift. But they had no money to buy anything. The week before they went to one of the storekeepers and asked him if he could find some work for them to do so that they might earn enough to buy some little present. He was a kind old man, and he had given them a job of sweeping out the store, and clearing off a pathway through the snow in front of the store, and they did this every day for a week. At the end he gave them enough to buy a sack of flour. They were thinking of the prayer they said each night, "Give us, this day, our daily bread," and that was why they wanted to buy flour.

They had brought it to Church, and after the people had gone up with their gifts the good Bishop had said, "I'm sorry I mentioned anything about my dream last night, but are there any more gifts?" Everyone smiled when the little boy and girl went up the aisle, hand in hand, carrying a small sack of flour. They gave it to the Bishop who put it on top of the pile. Suddenly all

the Church lights went out. The plaster angels were all bright and shining, and began to sing the most heavenly music and praise to God the people had ever heard. Everyone listened spellbound. There were all the angel faces above the chancel singing "Glory to God in the Highest," and no one noticed the little boy and girl as they made their way again to the back of the Church.

After a while the faces of the angels faded and the lights came on, and everyone began talking wildly about what they had seen and what they had heard. Then they grew quiet as they began to think about their gifts, and the spirit of their giving, and how wonderful it would have been if their's had been a gift of love and sacrifice like the gift of the little children.

Everyone knew then why the Church was called the Church of the Singing Angels.

THE LITTLE CHRIST CHILD

There was cheer at the Inn, with windows alight,

But no room to offer a child that night—

The little Christ-Child, so tender and small,

They made His a couch in the cow's rough stall.

They covered Him there in the manger's straw:

Only the humble cattle saw.

Warmth in the village, cheer at the Inn,
And the straw in the manger, scant and thin.

But the angels sang in the hills near by,
And the gold star rose in the winter sky.

His Mother pillowed Him on her arm,
And the little sleeper was glad and warm.

Hundreds and hundreds of years have gone,
And still the angels are singing on:

Still the light of that lowly star
Over the world-hills shines afar:

Still into the hearts where love is bright
The Christ-Child enters on Christmas night.

—Poet Unknown.

The Church of England in Western Canada

By Rev. T. C. B. Boon, B.A.

XXVIII

William Carpenter Bompas has been well called "The Apostle of the North" by his biographer, the late Archdeacon H. A. Cody, for while there are others who have exercised a forty years long ministry in Western Canada, it is doubtful if anyone could be found who would match him in adventurous journeying, or in the length and persistency of his journeys. More than forty years have passed since his death, and to those who have heard his name he is now probably little more than a romantic figure, chiefly recollected because there is seen occasionally a picture in which is shown a white-bearded, clerically clad sparsish figure courageously poling a raft amid a seething mass of ice, with some assistance from a native. A scattered few still recollect him personally, and can tell stories of a man who showed more than usual zeal and determination, who drove himself unrelentingly, who inured himself to physical hardship and had a horror of getting "soft"; while other records tell of one who was a great scholar, skilful in languages, loved and admired by all who knew him, whether white or native, Indian or Eskimo.

Mr. Bompas, as already has been noted, completed his strenuous journey from England by arriving at Fort Simpson, N.W.T., on Christmas morning, 1865, and there he stayed assisting Mr. Kirby with his work until Easter, 1866, when he made his way down the Mackenzie River to Fort Norman. There the Hudson's Bay Company built a house for him, and supplied a teacher named Murdo McLeod, the school being chiefly provided for orphans left by a scarlet fever epidemic in the district in 1865. It was closed as such in 1868. Mr. Bompas found the children not deficient in intelligence, but wanting in application. He says he occupied his time in visiting the separate tents, and trying to convey the simple truths of the Gospel to the natives. Some of the Indians took great interest in his instruction. He did not find it hard to live with them; they were quiet and inoffensive, their habits of eating, sleeping, etc., were regular and they

were mostly occupied in some useful way. At a conference between Mr. McDonald, Mr. Kirkby and himself in the August of that year, which took place at Fort Simpson, it was decided, however, that Mr. Bompas should undertake a "roving commission" rather than a settled station, and consequently he left Fort Norman on January 10th, 1867, and made his way by Fort Rae and Fort Resolution (both on Great Slave Lake) to Fort Chipewyan near the west end of Lake Athabasca, a point at which he strongly advocated that there should be a permanent mission station as it would form a connecting link with Fort Simpson, and where he found Indians resident who had been brought up in the schools on the Red River, whose character and conduct he found commendable.

Spending nearly a year at Fort Chipewyan, Mr. Bompas left there in January, 1868, and made his way up the Peace River to Fort Vermilion, where he found himself among the Beaver Indians, whose condition he describes as being very pitiable, but apart from his sympathy with the natives his keen observation noted how suitable the country was for farming and stock-raising. He did not stay long in the Peace River, however, as in the summer he returned to Fort Simpson in order to permit Mr. Kirkby to take his first furlough after sixteen years absence from England, the first seven of which he had spent at the school at St. Andrews, Red River. Mr. Kirkby on this furlough saw through the press the Chipewyan translations he had made of the Gospels of St. Mark and St. John. In the summer of 1869, Rev. W. D. Reeve, later to become Archdeacon and second Bishop of Mackenzie River (1891) arrived to take over, and

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Mr. Bompas left for the first of his epic journeys to the farther north.

This time his destination was Fort Yukon in actuality, and so he reached, in July, 1869, the point which he had set out for when he left England four years previously with the hope of relieving Mr. McDonald, who was then stationed there. But on his way through Fort McPherson on the Peel River he met a number of Eskimo, who invited him to do down to the coast with them. This Mr. Bompas could not do at this time, but in the spring of 1870 he made his way back over the mountains to Fort McPherson and from there to the coast. On his way he was smitten with snow-blindness and had to be led by the hand of his guide, yet they made twenty-five miles a day, but while he commented on the difficulty of entering a snow-house in this condition, he made light of his sufferings. He visited several camps and the Eskimo were considerably excited by his presence, as he was the first white man they had met in this way. He had an unpleasant experience with a "medicine-woman," but cured her "patient" with a small piece of soap and a little alum and thereby earned some reputation for his conjuring being "very strong." Mr. Bompas returned to Fort McPherson when the ice went out of the river, travelling with a band of Eskimos, but much ice remained and progress was unusually slow, the blame for this condition being laid on him so that he received not only angry glances but threatening gestures and the situation became most critical. But while Mr. Bompas slept in peace with a good conscience, an old Eskimo named Shipatitook, who had taken a great fancy to him, told the others of a hypothetical dream in which he envisioned dreadful things happening to them when they arrived at Fort McPherson without the missionary. From this time he was treated with attentive care and arrived safely at the Fort on June 18th, to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Andrew Flett, then in charge of it, and the assistance of Mrs. Flett in his study of the Lou-choux language. Mr. Bompas arrived back again at Fort Vermilion in October, having travelled 4,700 miles by canoe.

(To be continued)

Faith and Action



A militant counter-offensive against onslaughts on Christianity was launched at an open meeting of All Saints' Fellowship held in the Cathedral Hall, Friday, 5th November. Mr. J. J. Sophus was in the chair, and the Lord Bishop of Edmonton addressed the conference.

This action is the first public result of a resolution passed at last Diocesan Synod wherein a Committee on Faith and Action was set up with Mr. L. D. Byrne as chairman and the following members: Rev. H. W. Buchner, information service; Miss Flora Macleod, library; Rev. F. A. Peake, Ponoka, study groups; Mr. A. C. Ballantine, public relations; Rev. L. M. Watts, relations with other Christian communions; Rev. W. A. Buxton, Fort Saskatchewan, and Mr. T. Palfrey, Wetaskiwin, Christian action, and Rev. C. E. F. Wolff, St. Stephen's, Edmonton, publications.

Mr. Byrne emphasized the importance of making a start in the diocese. It was difficult, he explained, to get study groups started at the same time; therefore it had been decided to form a central study-action group to get the movement going in the city parishes and then reach out to rural parishes.

"Millions," said the Bishop, addressing the meeting, "do not understand the conditions which give rise to communism." How the high capitalists feel, he said, is difficult to learn since not many of them are in the churches. On the other hand, Labour is suspicious that the Church is on the side of the ruling classes and cares little for "the working man." But it is necessary also to understand the point of view of beaten, starving Europeans who feel they are going to be made agents of the wealthy and prosperous.

"The Christian church," he warned, "must be careful lest she become an arm of an economic system. The Church seeks to cure specific evils rather than present a social system," but he pointed to the difficulties which arise from the fact that peoples who have changed their system become disillusioned.

"Communism attracts many, especially the young," he went on, "because it appeals to youth and because of the vision of equality and dignity of racial minorities which appeals to colonial peoples and those who have never shared Western advantages."

"Pure capitalism," he said, "no longer exists. What now passes as capitalism is the doctrine of every man's pursuit of his own profit."

"The reaction against capitalism began 100 years ago with the publication of the Marx Manifesto which made out a case for the sacrifice of all freedom in pursuit of social justice."

"The chief evil of communism is the depersonalising of man. Anything that tends to centralization makes it impossible to act responsibly; therefore, man cannot act as God intended he should."

Speaking of the State as the largest and most comprehensive unit of mankind, the Bishop criticized the Canadian tendency to turn to the State to correct evils which should be corrected by the heart and mind of groups—the family, the trade union, chambers of commerce and cities.

He warned that "socializing the means of production" gives rise to the danger of totalitarianism. "Property is not the cause of man's depravity; yet neither is property an absolute right but should be for the benefit of society as a whole."

"The evils of capitalism can only be corrected by free people, but communism does not permit of freedom because the State and the system are not subject to criticism."

"Communism as an economic system—i.e., the common ownership of property—is not contrary to the Christian faith. But the menace of totalitarianism, wherein just criticism is denied, is more serious in Canada than we can think or even gather from reading newspapers."

"We can avoid the worst evils of totalitarianism if we can avert a depression. But depressions can be engineered, and if we show any reactionary trend we betray the very people we should serve."

"Charity is no substitute for justice."

(A. C. B.)

Glimpses of the Church in Japan

from Right Rev. P. S. C. Powles

The Emperor enjoys his Freedom

"The Emperor received the three* delegates to Lambeth and had a leisurely chat with them just before their departure, in which he referred to his own visit to England and the pleasure of it. He asked the Bishops to convey his greetings to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and any other friends of those days. No peace treaty being signed, he is still "an enemy," but it was touching to think that he could do this through the medium of the Christian Church and especially our own Anglican Communion. It is indicative of the new joy the Emperor seems to be receiving from his new-found liberty."

The Restoration of Japanese Churches

Between one-quarter and one-third of the Churches of the Anglican Communion in Japan were destroyed by bombing or badly damaged, including almost all the larger churches. A very few of these have been rebuilt, some completely restored, others repaired to allow use, but the majority stand in ruins. "Rebuilding of Churches," writes Bishop Powles, "is set about with all sorts of difficulties. It seems as if the best plan at the moment is to build a parsonage and use some part of it as a temporary place of worship. The limit of building is placed at 18 ft by 24 ft. in area. The expense of putting up even such a small place is beyond the reach of any congregation."

Toyohashi Church

"On Monday, May 17th, a Service of Blessing of the Ground was held at Toyohashi in Mid-Japan by Bishops Onishi and Powles. The building operations will begin as soon as the barley crop is taken off which has been grown on this vacant site. It is the old site of the Toyohashi kindergarten and missionary house, both of which were destroyed in the fires and bombing."

A More Cheerful Outlook

"I think that the food situation in Japan is steadily improving. People look healthier and are showing much better reactions to food difficulties. The new agrarian laws are helping the landless farmer to have a piece of land of his own. In all places the people are gaining courage and morale and bringing out their old clothes and dressing in brighter colours. For a long time the bright Kimono dare not

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The Fall of Kaifeng, Honan

Excerpts from a letter to Canon Dixon from Miss S. F. Ch'e, Dean of the Girls' Dept., Yu Chung Middle School, who recently spent two years in Canada.

"I find it very painful to sit down and write you people what has happened in these past two weeks. And yet on the other hand I feel I must write in detail as I know you are concerned and you are deeply interested. First of all I must say how wonderful our Heavenly Father is. His grace has proved more than sufficient. All members of both the Church and the Schools are safe. This is all due to His marvellous protection.

We had a relatively peaceful time for more than two months and we paid little attention to any trifling upsets. Both the school and the church were having a prosperous time. In the Cathedral the Rev. Francis Tseng was getting so many young people together in various activities. The school was going on happily—the senior and the junior grades had just had their examinations and we planned to have a big programme on graduation day—June 21st. We planned to have the graduation exercises in the morning followed by a parents' tea-party, a display of the students' work and then a full programme in the afternoon. On the 16th, we were rehearsing the plays when news came to say the situation was tense. We did not pay much attention partly because we were so absorbed by our coming affair, and partly because we were so used to rumours. However, that night after the students were sound asleep, my co-worker and I kept our ears open. We tried to be especially vigilant because on the north compound there was no other person taking responsibility but us two. Archdeacon Tseng had gone to Hankow. By twelve o'clock there was faint firing; as it sounded nearer all the time we had to wake the students and lead them down to the basement. By five a.m. it sounded so close that we believed the fighting was near the station. By nine a.m. it had more or less stopped. We were advised to take the students to the city. With a lot of trouble we were given permission to go through the gate, carrying what we each could carry. We refueged in the

Cathedral Compound. Fighting was severe that night. We all had to sit in the basement. The suburb was taken on the 18th. Bombs and cannons aimed at the taken areas. Naturally our buildings were the targets and they suffered terribly, especially the girls' school. A big bomb fell right in front of it and left the building in a mess though it is still standing. All glass gone, windows and doors stripped out; the big pine tree was cut in two, and the t'ung (catalpa) tree was uprooted. Beside this there were numerous small hits both by the planes and cannon shots. We were fortunate to have no direct bomb hits. Though all the buildings were badly tattered and damaged, they still have their four walls and roofs. On the 19th the Cathedral was taken for one whole week, day and night there was severe street fighting. More than 200 people—ten children under five years crowded into the basement about thirty feet square. The windows had to be closed and covered by heavy quilts to stop flying bullets. We ate little and only had unboiled bitter water to drink. I wondered whether hell could be worse. On the 22nd the whole city was taken. There was no more fighting but incessant bombing, during which there was general looting. The boys' school lost all its wheat, teachers' salaries and the Honan International Relief Committee stuff. The girls' school was looted clean, even the beds, students' desks and chairs. All that was left were the assembly hall benches which were probably too heavy to carry. We teachers and students lost everything we owned except the little that we took to the city. The Cathedral by being in the city suffered less in this respect. On the 26th the city was all clear again. So the city was occupied for four days. The damage my pen cannot describe. Countless households were burned to death. Dead bodies were shipped out by truck loads. There were more houses on the ground than standing. War is horrible. This civil war is many times worse than the Japanese war. Kaifeng then did not suffer nearly so much. It is such a heart-breaking situation. And one's little efforts seem so hopeless. I feel there is only one way to save China, that is Prayer. Please do pray

for us, pray that we be forgiven, pray that we be spared. In Kaifeng now more than 20,000 people are homeless. They must be helped.

Rev. Francis Tseng was very sick during those days of severe fighting. He had a fever of 105 and had to be on his feet to face all problems. He was the only man and such a sick man to be on duty twenty-four hours a day, while bullets shot back and forth like a shuttle."

Miss Ch'e's letter, after asking again for the prayers of her friends, ends with a note of triumph, "I believe that He will win in the end."

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be brought out for fear of offence to public feelings."

Low Salaried People in Difficult Straits

"Recently the Government fixed the salaries of its employees at Y2,930.00 a month. Our Bishop Onishi receives Y1,600.00 out of which he has to pay many extras, though the congregations try to help him with his travelling. Most of our pastors receive less than 1000 yen and may be lucky to receive that figure. Church World Service is about to make a distribution of food to the Clergy."

"The salaried people are in fearful straits. These people, among whom we number our pastors, need cash for their rations; otherwise things are still more valuable than money. The parcels from home as often as they arrive are a source of great joy."

The Older Clergy

"The plight of the older Clergy is touching. Many of them have been retired and the help which their children can give them is inadequate. Some of them lost their sons in the war, and they now are without sons to support them. For retrenchment purposes they have to be retired and our pensions and funds are all gone in the general debacle. Bishop Onishi and I need all your prayers for courage and ingenuity in facing up to these situations."

*Bishop Yashiro, the Presiding Bishop of the Nippon Sei Ko Kwai, and two Diocesan Bishops.

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ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell
The Rev. H. W. Buchner

The highlight during the past month were the services of the Patronal Festival of All Saints when we remembered together God's blessings on our parish in the years past and those whose service here is finished and made prayer for the future. Sunday evening, Oct 31st, we welcomed back at the Choir Reunion many past members of the Cathedral Choir. It was very strange not having Mr. Barford with us for the Choir Reunion but it is good now to see him back again at the organ after his illness. Mrs. W. F. Barfoot addressed the Choir Reunion in a very interesting talk concerning Lambeth and Amsterdam.

On Nov. 5th, the Bishop addressed a large meeting of men of the Cathedral and other parishes dealing with one of the main subjects from Lambeth. This was the first in a Study-Action meeting the second is to be held on Nov. 26th.

The Annual Bazaar this year was a great success. A good dinner was served at the noon hour and the tea and bazaar flourished all the afternoon of Nov. 12th. The various groups of the W.A., the A.Y.P.A. and the B.C.M.A. had stalls. Then in the evening the Business Girls' W.A. took over with the help of the Men's Fellowship and the Carnival began with numerous games of skill and wonderful prizes for the clever. People will remember for quite a while the day of November 12th and more will remember the fun before and after.

On Nov. 15th, Mr. George Du Pre addressed about a hundred young people on some of his experiences as a British agent both in France and Germany during the war. His frank and open testimony of the need of God in real men and women and of the power which it gives in time of necessity was worth a dozen sermons of those whom he called with due deference, the "union men."

Baptisms: James Duncan Low, Donna Lynne Pecknold, Douglas William Salton, Bonnie Eva Frew, Dale Murray Ziegler, David Garfield Otto, Graham James Otto, Jerry Gordon Colin Campbell.

Marriages: Albert Brownridge, Marie Martin; Ronald Knowles, Ruth Bryant; Knut Johnson, Gwen Richards; Willis Violet, Emma Hiller; Dale Meyer, Stella Beck; Arthur Strudwick, Irene Fowler.

Funerals: Harry Richard Shaw; Ethelbert Edmund Hatson; Annie Dougan.

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November is one of our busiest months, and almost every organization has had some special function during the month. Services have maintained their splendid attendances, and we are most happy to welcome a number of newcomers.

The Parish Hall has been a matter for great rejoicing. Continued fine weather has been a great help, and now that the bricklaying is finished and the roof completed, and the basement floor completed in green cement, we shall begin to make use of the building as each room is completed. An excellent range was presented for the new kitchen as well as a coffee urn, and the kitchen was made use of for the first time by the Young Women's Fellowship on the occasion of the Masonic dinner. The Hall is a thing of beauty, in clinker brick matching the Church, and with windows to match the Church. We hope to have an official opening shortly.

The Parish Calendar is now on sale, and is an excellent publication with some six hundred texts and verses submitted by its sponsors. There is a limited number, and they are on sale at the cost price of 50c each.

The White Gift service was a great joy again this year as so many children belonging to all organizations brought their gifts of food for the Food-for-Britain parcels. Thanks to Mrs. May, Mrs. Browse and Mrs. Hammett, these parcels were packed and sent the next day, with several hundreds of pounds of foodstuffs.



The Young Women's Fellowship Bazaar, the W.A. Bazaar, and the Parish Guild Tea at the home of Mrs. Teviotdale, were all outstanding successes this month, and we are grateful to these organizations for their work, and to all who supported them. The G.A. and J.W.A. had booths at the W.A. Bazaar. The Choir Bazaar committee priced their goods at the home of Mrs. C. R. Manahan, and also had a splendid booth. Our thanks also to the Mothers' Union for their excellent contribution toward the W.A. booths.

The Mothers' Union meeting at the home of Mrs. Browse was privileged to hear Mrs. Barfoot speak of her visit to Lambeth and Amsterdam, and especially of her visit to Canterbury to the Special Mothers' Union Service at which she represented our Diocese.

The Chi Rho Fellowship and A.Y.P.A. meet for Communion and breakfast on the 3rd Sundays. Both have enjoyed special speakers, and both helped with our Parish Calendars. The Chi Rho invited the Canterbury Club to a Sunday

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supper, but the date has now been postponed until the New Year. A Girls' Club has now been formed, meeting on alternate Mondays under the guidance of Mrs. Nainby.

We shall be looking forward to the Christmas season, and the Christmas services. We hope to have the beautiful Cantata "Bethlehem" as well as a Christmas Carol service. Our Christmas Greetings to every parish in the Diocese!

CHRIST CHURCH, EDMONTON

The Rev. E. S. Ottley

Parochial Mission:

Preparations for the forthcoming Mission are being intensified as the time for Canon Warner's visit draws near. During the past ten days a Visiting campaign has been carried on by some thirty-six of our men, who, with the assistance of a few ladies, have been establishing a contact with the new-comers to the Parish, as well as a good many of those who are already known to us. Further, each Wednesday evening a few of us have been gathering for intercession for the Mission, the Missioner, the visitors, and for all our people.

During the month we have had two visiting clergy with us. At the gathering of the Young People after the evening service on October 17th, we were privileged to have Dr. H. G. Watts, of our Missionary Society, speak to us briefly about the Missionary work of the Church, and were greatly enlightened by two films, showing the work of the Church in India and the condition of the Church in Japan. Then at the evening service on October 24th, the Rev. F. A. Peake, Western Field Secretary of the G.B.R.E., addressed the congregation, with particular reference to the vital importance of the Christian education of the child. Mr. Peake also shared in the Teacher Training Course for Sunday School Teachers held for the West End of the city in Christ Church during the last week of the month.

W.A.: Work is going ahead for the Annual Bazaar to be held on Friday, December 3rd. Sewing meetings are being held in the Parish Hall every Monday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. All donations of work or material will be appreciated.

Mrs. Barfoot will be the main speaker at the next educational meeting when she will tell of her experiences on her recent trip to England. This should prove both interesting and informative.

We were very glad to welcome several new members to the Branch, and hope there will be others. We were also glad to see Mrs. Driscoll once again after her long illness. It was also a great pleasure to have Mrs. Gutteridge back after her trip to the Old Country. She said she had been much impressed by the excellent attendance at the Churches, often under uncomfortable

conditions in halls and schools, and by the plans for the re-building of the many shattered Churches. She also mentioned the great need for more parcels of food.

Sunday School: The Annual Awards Service for the Sunday School and Junior Church on October 24th was attended by a capacity congregation, which included all our Cubs, Scouts and Brownies, as well as the parents of the children. Some 70 awards for general proficiency and attendance were made, as well as Certificates given for passing the annual G.B.R.E. exams.

Scouts: The annual meeting of the parents of the Scouts and Cubs was held on Friday, October 29th, with a good and representative attendance. Mr. C. W. Turner has been elected the Chairman of the Group Committee to succeed Mr. T. L. Robinson. An excellent report was brought in on all activities, including the purchase of the 25th Troop Camp.

Young People: We have inaugurated an informal gathering of our young people every Sunday evening after the service in the Church. We invite all our young people to join with us in these pleasant Sunday evenings of friendly fellowship.



ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. L. M. Watts
The Rev. G. W. Wilson

The month of October has been exceedingly busy at St. Faith's. Each Sunday morning, the seating capacity has been taxed to the utmost. More parents are bringing their pre-school youngsters with them for part of the service, and Mrs. Field's kindergarten class is literally bursting at the seams.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Dime-a-Week Club has sent a letter to all members of the congregation, giving a summary of the standing of the rectory fund. It is hoped to have this project completed by the end of 1948.

The Afternoon W.A. Gift Tea was a most enjoyable affair, with many callers during the afternoon. The bazaar will be held on Friday, November 19th. Two parcels have been packed by the members and sent to clergymen in Britain. Meetings will cease early in December and resume after the Christmas season.

The Evening Group W.A. members are all very busy preparing for their sale of work in December. Two work nights have been held to make toys and novelties. Thanks go to Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Burns for the use of their homes.

The Choir gave a party in honor of Mrs. Harold Thomas, the former Dorothy McMillan, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allison. A presentation was

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made to her on behalf of the choir members.

The Girls' Auxiliary members were entertained at a Hallowe'en Party at the Rectory, and a grand time was had. Members attended a G.A. Rally held at St. Luke's during the month. All the girls are working hard for their sale to be held at the Afternoon W.A. Bazaar.



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Rev. W. E. Harrison

We all enjoyed the Bishop's recent visit to the Parish and hearing his interesting reports of Lambeth and Amsterdam.

Among the highlights of Parochial activity to aid the building fund has been the splendid production, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Greenwood, of Jerome K. Jerome's "The Passing of the Third Floor Back." This was presented on two consecutive nights in the Cathedral Parish Hall. All who saw it enjoyed it, and our grateful thanks go to Mrs. Greenwood and indeed all the members of the cast who have worked so hard towards this end.

The Annual Bazaar of the W.A. was held on November 17. The prelude to this event required weeks of preparation, as indeed is always the case, but the women feel their efforts have been amply rewarded in the large numbers who turned out and made it such a splendid success.

Recently a Branch of the Junior W.A. has been organized in the Parish under the able direction of Mrs. A. Aldridge and Miss E. Shanks. Already an enthusiastic group of girls have assem-

bled and have started work on their program for the season.

By the time these notes are printed, the season of Christmas will again be here. We look forward to a happy Christmas at St. John's, and we pray that it will be a happy Christmas for all the parishes throughout the diocese.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EDMONTON

Canon A. Wallis

A most successful sale of work, including home cooking and candy, was held on November 18th in the Parish Hall. This was a splendid congregational effort. The afternoon and evening branches of the W.A., the G.A., the J.W.A. and the Sanctuary Guild shared the responsibility of arrangements and were much encouraged by the large number of visitors and the proceeds. The tea table was centred with 'mums in pink and yellow and was laid with a lovely hand-made lace cloth. The various stalls were attractively decorated and were practically "sold out" by the end of the afternoon.

The Girls' Auxiliary were happy to entertain a large gathering of members of other branches at a Rally on November 5th. After a lovely little service in the Church, conducted by Canon Wallis, singing and games were enjoyed in the Parish Hall. Miss Beeby spoke to the girls about conditions in England and recounted some of her experiences whilst visiting there during the past summer. Mrs. de Laroque, Diocesan Girls' Secretary, was a most welcome visitor. Everyone did full justice to the delicious refreshments provided by St. Faith's G.A. It is hoped that there may be a "repeat" gathering in the not too distant future.

We are happy to extend congratulations to Jean Whittingback on her elec-

tion as President of the Girls' Auxiliary Diocesan Council. Jean has grown up in the Parish, in former years an outstanding member of the J.W.A., and presently a most loyal and faithful chorister.

The Little Helpers: On October 21st, the Little Helpers' Annual Service and Rally was held. The Vicar conducted the service and spoke to the mothers and children. Then followed the Rally in the Parish Hall, when all were entertained by their leader, Mrs. P. Orriss, and the members of the W.A.s. A lovely birthday cake (donated for the event) was cut, and all had a wonderful time. Mrs. Neely, Diocesan Secretary of the Little Helpers, was a guest, and gave a short talk to the mothers.

Christmas: By the time this magazine is in your hands, we shall be fast approaching the Christmas Season. "Outside," it will be the glamour of the stores, businesses vying with each other to secure the most trade. Beautiful Hymns and Carols ill-used and worn thread-bare by their constant repetition on many programmes over the air. But what of us? I do hope that we will seek to sidestep a good deal of the commercial or material Christmas, and come to the Day in the true and rever-

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ential spirit, honouring Him whose birthday we keep by our presence at His Holy Altar: I am sure that by so doing, our Christmas will prove to be more blessed and happy than ever before.

Marriage: Nov. 16th, William Herman Roos and Evelyn Winnifred Sutherland.



ST. MARK'S, EDMONTON

The Rev. Arthur Elliott

By the time these notes are read Christmas will not be far away, and we urge all our people to do their best to attend the services arranged for them on that day. The times of the services will be duly announced and will certainly include a Family Service on Christmas morning for parents and children.

It is a constant source of distress to the Church that so many parents are content to send their children to Sunday School but never think it necessary or well to attend church services themselves. Quite obviously this example is not good for themselves, their children or the Church.

W.A.: A most successful tea and sale was held in October in the Parish Hall. Many visitors from other churches were present and the president and members are to be congratulated on the result. The Annual Bazaar is planned for 1st December.

The Evening Groups are meeting regularly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and will have a stall at the bazaar on 1st December.

The Juniors are enjoying their meetings each week on Wednesday afternoons under the guidance of Mrs. Elliott and they have some useful projects ahead.

Men's Club: On 1st Nov. the Club had a specially profitable evening. The Bishop had been invited and gave us much interesting and useful information about the Lambeth Conference. The opportunity given to members to meet the Bishop was much appreciated. It was good to see so many men too from other churches joining with St. Mark's for that occasion. The men meet on the first and third Monday in each month at 8:30 p.m.

Choir: To all members, Senior and Junior: The Church thanks you for your help. Our services are the brighter and happier for your presence. Come and continue to help for we need you and would welcome more senior members.

Hall and Basement: Our plans for the hall basement have started well and a committee of five have taken this in hand. A unit of \$25 is asked from each family to bear the cost. That sets a standard but it does not mean that lesser sums are not welcome. Letters

have now gone out to all known friends of St. Mark's.

A.A. Advance: The emphasis in the 3rd year of the A.A.A. is on Men and Boys. What an encouragement it would be if all men and boys who acknowledge any benefit from the Christian Church were to show it by renewing their attendance at Church Services or to make that attendance regular if it isn't so. Who among us can say honestly that we have had no advantage over less fortunate peoples because we live in a Christian land?

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The Rev. W. T. Elkin

We were pleased to welcome the Rev. H. G. Watts, Field Secretary for the M.S.C.C. as our guest preacher on Sunday evening, Oct. 17th.

Also on Sunday, Oct. 24th, the church was crowded in welcome to the Bishop of the Diocese on the occasion of the dedication of the Sanctuary Lamp, which was given by Mrs. Arnott in memory of her husband, Lt. Col. John Wilson Arnott. It is a beautiful lamp and adds greatly to the appearance of the altar.

The Afternoon Group of the W.A. wish to thank their many friends for their attendance at the annual Christmas Bazaar held on Nov. 10th. This was a most successful and enjoyable affair and was very well attended.

The Annual Envelope canvass of the Parish was held from Nov. 5th to 15th, with the Evening Groups of the W.A. providing a supper for the canvassers to start the drive. Thanks are extended to the members for their work. The joint Bazaar and Tea of the Evening Groups will take place in the Parish Hall on Nov. 24th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The A.Y.P.A. reports an active attendance of some 30 members, a number which may necessitate dividing into two groups. A very successful Halloween Party was held on Oct. 29th at which the guests were members of Holy Trinity A.Y. The group will take part in the Charade Contest sponsored by the Council on Nov. 19th. Plans are under way to send gifts and have a Christmas party for one of the Children's Homes.

The Men's Club held a very enjoyable party on Nov. 1st when they entertained their wives. Another social evening of this nature is being planned for December. A successful work night was held recently to paint the Sunday School benches and varnish the chairs, and the first step in their plans to furnish the Vestry was made in decorating the walls. The next project will be the construction of cupboards for the altar vestments and church records. The first of the series of winter cribbage parties will be held on Nov. 19th. We are looking forward to a talk by the Bishop on Dec. 6th on his recent visit to Lambeth.

We welcome Mrs. J. Thompson, Miss Joyce Holub and Miss Joyce Holmes to

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the teaching staff to take care of the ever-increasing Sunday School enrollments. Four more gold pins were awarded to students for two years of consecutive attendance. The Beginners' Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16th, with the Junior and Senior Sunday Schools on Friday, Dec. 17th.

A very enjoyable Hallowe'en supper party was held by the Junior W.A. on Oct. 29th. There are now 33 Juniors registered and an assistant leader is needed to help with such a large group. The girls are now working on their stripes and badges.

The annual service for St. Andrew's Day will be held on Nov. 30th at 7:30 p.m., at which time badges and pins will be presented to members of the Girls' Auxiliary.

Baptisms: Beverly Anne Bullock; Linda Lloy Lewis; David Malcolm Lewis; Kingsley Raymond Lewis; Thomas Owen Blake; Patricia Aileen Blake.

Weddings: Roseanna B. Wakenshaw and John Richard Gaw.



ST. PAUL'S

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The Rev. G. D. Kelly

The main topic of conversation and the object of so much activity in and around the Parish these days is the building programme. Following a meeting with the Bishop, the Vestry brought their proposals to a Congregational meeting on November 12th and it was unanimously agreed that a campaign for funds be started immediately and that building of the Church should commence as early as possible in the spring. Several suggestions were received from those present at the general meeting and these will be given to the architect for incorporation in the plan, which, when complete, will include a Church, Chapel, Vestry and Choir Room. Mr. J. Green and Mr. H. P. Brown gave the meeting very encouraging reports on the progress of the Parish both numerically and financially. The Building Fund campaign will be launched immediately.

Thanks to the kindness of St. John's Players, Jerome K. Jerome's famous

play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," under the direction of Mrs. Paul Greenwood, will be presented at the Glenora School Auditorium on November 26th. This will be under the auspices of the Choir and the Young People's Club.

Our Choir will combine with that of St. Peter's to bring us two evenings of Christmas Carols that promise to be one of the most enjoyable features of our Christmastide celebrations. The evenings in question will be those of Thursday and Friday, December 9th and 10th. The combined choirs will be under the direction of Mr. H. Taylor assisted by Mrs. H. P. Brown.

Wednesday, December 15th, has been set aside as the evening for the annual Sunday School Christmas Party. As last year the children will meet at the Hall at 6:00 o'clock for supper and their parents are invited to join them at 7:30 for a concert and Santa's special visit.

The fortnightly whist drives have proved very popular and during the month of December will be held on Friday the 3rd and Friday the 17th. Thanks to the work of Mr. C. Perraton scores to date have been carefully recorded and many are those whose eyes are fixed on the coveted aggregate prize.

For the information of those living at or near the Railhead we are happy to be able to announce that a Sunday School has been formed under the supervision of Mrs. F. Hall. Any parents interested in having their children attend can contact Mrs. Hall at Ste. 9, Railhead.

Baptisms: Sherrill Ann Kirkpatrick; Ferne Evelyn Daniels; Nelson Eugene Dahlgren; Ann-Marie Patricia Macdonell; William Thomas Macdonell; William James Murray; June Kathleen Murray; Susan Andrea Marshall; Heather Margaret Stewart; Donna Carine Taylor; Donald Stewart Taylor, Roger Frank Taylor.

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ST. PETER'S

The Rev. R. S. Faulks

We note with pleasure that our growing community is having a proper effect in the numbers of our congregation. A sincere welcome to those who have lately come among us, and please be assured that we are glad to have you join hands with us in all that is our business in the parish of St. Peter. Our Junior Sunday School attendance is at an all time high, and that reminds us that we need more accommodation in the Hall for them, as indeed for other parish functions. Recall the Harvest Supper: it was a great event, and the ladies are to be commended for their splendid accomplishments on that occasion. Yes, we could do with some more room on that day. And the Bazaar! Results exceeded the fondest hopes of the women folks. Deepest appreciation to all who in any way made it a record event. Yes, more room needed for this event too! it would be a good idea if everyone interested in this matter were to think it over between now and the Annual Meeting, and come along with considered suggestions on the subject.

Our deepest sympathy to the members of the Davis family, who recently lost a loved one, Herbert, in a traffic accident. We pray that they may be upheld by all the gracious mercies of the Gospel.

Our Cub Pack is going along very well, with a full number of lads in the Pack, but we are desperately in need of a Scoutmaster for the older boys. We have a first-rate assistant, but he would be glad to have someone come forward and take chief responsibility immediately.

To recent newly-weds, best wishes: L. H. Patten and Ann Henderson; Frederick Engels and Marion Kilshaw; Bruce



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Recent christenings, welcome to the Church Family: Wendy May deWynter; Donald Norman Corness; Sally Elizabeth Ball; Gordon Edward Lester; Robert Kellaway Snowdon; Graham Wesley Dawdy; Derwood Cecil Sherman; Dianne May Schonewald; Kenneth Richard Tyndale Peake; Paul Alexander Lisson; Rhea Margaret Goddard.

St. Peter's A.Y.P.A. has held two whist drives this season. They were held the second Tuesday in October and November.

For the past few weeks the group has been practising for the charade contest and are now pleased to announce that they won the "Cockeyed Cup" for coming first in the contest.



GOOD SHEPHERD, EDMONTON

Much hard work has been accomplished by various men of the congregation, as they have done so much to finish the remodelling work on the Parish Hall. What with new foundation, remodelled kitchen, new heating plant, new porch, etc., it is quite a different place. We hope that in the spring it will have a new exterior finish of some sort, so that its face-lifting operation will be nicely completed. A word of gratitude to the ladies, who on so many Saturday afternoons provided the menfolk with such welcome teas.

Instead of the usual Harvest Supper, the ladies had a Fall Tea, which was most successful, and was of substantial help in the matter of the building fund.

Our Sunday School is progressing very well this fall, and we express our thanks to the superintendent and teachers for their work in it, and to the parents for their co-operation with them. All groups in the parish wish to thank the Worralls for their help in the matter of looking after the hall and church plant fires during the long period when the "gas was off."

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Anderson and family find it advisable to make their home in Calgary, for we have enjoyed having them with us. We wish them good success and happiness in their new home.

Our Scout Troop recently had a special evening, when the A.S.M. J. MacCready was invested. Scouts from Ponoka were entertained, and a series of films were topped off by some excellent refreshments provided by our keen Scoutmaster, E. S. Cooper.

Several of our young people form an A.Y.P.A. group with the young folks of St. Peter's. They are all enjoying the Work-Worship - Edification - Fellowship programme of the Association, and so are discovering ways of helping forward the whole work of the Church.

Best wishes to recent newly-weds: Eugene Burke and Dorothy Cockroft; Robert Downing and Frances Ayre; John Damel and Sophie Warning; Lorne McMillan and Violet Whitfield.

Recent christenings, welcome to the Church Family: Gary David Wagar; Anthony Jackson; Judy Dyrda; Barry Richard Dashwood; Susanne May Dashwood.



ST. STEPHEN'S

The Rev. C. E. F. Wolff

St. Stephen's is once again in the midst of preparation for Christmas. This will commence on Sunday, 19th December, with the Festival of the Nine Carols, sung at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve (Friday) will be marked, as is usual, by Solemn Eucharist commencing at 11:30 p.m. On Christmas morning there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at eight o'clock and another Solemn Eucharist at eleven.

St. Stephen's Patronal Festival (26th December) which falls this year on Sunday will be observed in due form with Holy Communion at eight o'clock, Solemn Eucharist at eleven and Solemn Evensong at 7:30 p.m.

The Lord Bishop of Edmonton visited St. Stephen's at Evensong on Sunday, 7th November, and made use of the occasion to dedicate the newly-installed organ. Following the service the organist and choirmaster, Mr. A. C. Ballantine, gave a short recital designed to show the capabilities of the instrument. He played the following programme:

- (a) Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (J. S. Bach).
- (b) Adagio from the First Organ Sonata (Mendelssohn).
- (c) Minuet from Berenice (Wolff-Handel).
- (d) Gavotte from Otho (Wolff-Handel).
- (e) Trumpet Voluntary (Wolff-Purcell).

The recital was followed by a reception for the Bishop in the Parish Hall.

Remembrance Day, 11th November, was marked by the singing of Solemn Requiem commencing by the entry of the choir at five minutes to eleven. At two minutes to the hour, the tolling of the bell signalized the commencement of the Silence and at eleven the service

began with the Introit from Merbecke's "Missa Pro Defunctis," to which, with Plainsong Gradual and Tract, the Requiem was sung.

The rector's mid-week series of addresses on the ceremonial and symbolism of the Eucharist continue to draw growing congregations each Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

Attention is directed to the W.A. Bazaar, to be held on Friday, 17th December.

ST. GEORGE'S, FT. SASKATCHEWAN

The Rev. W. W. Buxton

The fall tea which was sponsored by the W.A. on Sept. 8th, was a very pleasant occasion and served to open the season with a successful start.

The Annual Thanksgiving Supper and Dance also sponsored by the W.A. on Oct. 8th, was attended by a large

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crowd. During the dinner hour, our Bishop was a distinguished guest. We were very honored and pleased that he was able to come. We were also pleased to welcome several members of the Gibbons parish that evening.

On Oct. 13th members of the W.A. met at the church to be present for the service of presentation of the W.A. Life Membership and Pin to Mrs. A. B. Smith by St. George's W.A. Members of the Diocesan Board who were present were Mrs. E. Currey, Life Members' Secretary, and Mrs. A. E. Hutt, Dorcas Secretary. Tea was served following the service at the rectory. Mrs. Smith is one of our oldest members of the W.A., having been a member of this branch for thirty-three years.

Mrs. C. H. Williams, a former member, will receive her Life Membership and Pin on Nov. 19th, at St. Faith's Church, Victoria, B.C.

After many delays owing to periods of quarantine for the children, Sunday School services are again being held each Sunday. Junior W.A. will meet in the near future under the leadership of Mrs. Ab Dawson.

The Vestry is sponsoring a drive for funds for the Church Building Fund. It is hoped that each member of the congregation will give this worthy cause his full support.

The Choir Association has held several meetings lately and everyone is looking forward with great interest to the Celebrity Series of concerts which it is planning to present in November and December.

Recent baptisms are: September 19—Nadien Staccia Thomlinson; Lorraine Madge Sanford; Ronald Clarence Albert Sanford; Jeanette Beryl Thomlinson; Emily Elizabeth Adella Thomlinson; Halleen Charlotte Thomlinson; Clarence Gauf Thomlinson; October 10—James Andrew Jacox.



EMMANUEL CHURCH, GIBBONS

The Little Helpers held a rally at the home of their leader, Miss Constance Roberts on Oct 28th. About 18 of the young people were present, together with the mothers and others. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of Miss Roberts. She was presented with a gift of stationery as a token of affectionate regard of the Little Helpers.

A Bazaar and Whist Drive will be held by the W.A. on Saturday, Dec. 11th.

A series of Whist Drives, to be sponsored by the W.A. will commence in early part of January.

Classes for those being prepared for confirmation have been held weekly for some time.

Our church services have been fairly well attended of late, but it would cheer the hearts of those that do come if the vacant seats were filled, and wouldn't it please the Rector?

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LEDUC

On November 14th some of the members of St. Mark's, Edmonton, joined in our service. We hope to have more visits from them.

The Sunday School pupils are glad to learn that Doreen Wilkinson is progressing favorably and will soon be back with us again.

The Junior Choir attendance has been very poor lately. Mrs. Elliott has kindly donated a prize and this will go to the one who has perfect attendance at practices.

The W.A. meeting held at the home of Mrs. C. T. Dickson was poorly attended, due to illness. We were glad to welcome three visitors to our gathering. We miss Mrs. Loggin at our meetings and hope she will soon be able to join us again. The Bazaar will be held in the Henderson block.



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GRAND CENTRE

Lay Reader, H. J. Ayres

On October 17th we welcomed the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff of St. Stephen's, Edmonton, who came to take our Harvest Festival Service. There were two services of Holy Communion on that day and an early Communion service on the following day, which was the Feast of St. Luke.

The Church was nicely decorated with sheaves, vegetables and fruit, which was afterwards sent to a home of an elderly lady. We were very glad to have Mr. Paice from St. Stephen's, Edmonton, who came with Father Wolf and took his part in the sung Eucharist as Thurifer. Mr. Ayres and Vic returned to Grand Centre in time for the Harvest Services and he expects to remain here giving regular services each Sunday up until the New Year.

Suitable services were held on All Saints' Day and on Nov. 14th as Remembrance Day. On Sunday, October 24, the Lambeth Encyclical was read in church and many were interested to know of our church's position regarding many major issues of today.

There are a few being prepared for confirmation and it is hoped that they will be ready in time for the visit of our Bishop for Christmas Services on Dec. 19th.

Our church is grateful for a very nice gift of the Stations of the Cross which are now around the Nave of the church.

The Sanctuary Lamp of our church is kept burning, through the offerings of some of our congregation, in memory of friends or relatives who have passed to a higher life. Any wishing to remember their loved ones in this way should make enquiry and list their name with Mrs. Wotherspoon.

On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, the Ladies' Guild had their annual sale, dinner and dance, which received more

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than the usual excellent support. It is estimated that the ladies served around 175 persons. The gathering all day appeared in excellent spirits, ending with the National Anthem, and a lot of tired helpers who had put in hours of faithful work. It has been decided that in coming years the Ladies' Guild will hold their Annual Supper at Thanksgiving and leave Armistice Day for our Grand Centre Branch of the Canadian Legion.

Advent Sunday this year will be the tenth anniversary of the commencement of the work of our church in this district and the Ladies' Guild are collecting so that a permanent Altar can be placed in the church by July next year as a memorial.

It is very cheering to see the good work of the Recreation Committee. We

learn that a baseball league has been formed and a cup given for this district, and we notice that a skating rink is under construction for use this winter. The church is most grateful to the few who are getting behind this work of recreation and earnestly hope that all who can will give their support. The committee cannot continue at work without funds and they have still an outstanding debt to pay. It is hoped that all will see the value of this work and make donations no matter how small to the secretary, Mr. A. Mulkay.

It is hoped that there will be a large gathering in church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19th, at our Christmas services and to meet and welcome the Bishop. All those who are confirmed should make their Communion on that day.



Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

The Rev. D. V. A. Browne

At the morning service on Sunday, Oct. 31st we were delighted to have with us our Bishop. It seems to be the customary thing when the Bishop visits us that extra chairs have to be brought into the church to seat the large congregation which always turns out to hear him speak, and we sincerely hope that we shall have the pleasure of another visit in the not-too-distant future.

We are now looking forward and devoting all our energies towards the W.A. Annual Bazaar, which will be held in the United Church Hall on Saturday, Nov. 20th. The Vicar will open the bazaar at 3:00 p.m., after which various articles on the stalls will be on sale and tea will be served till 5:30 p.m. Proceeds from the bazaar and sale of home cooking will go to the W.A. funds, while those from the tea will be used for sending parcels overseas.

The Altar Guild held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Stolee.

A Christmas concert will be given by the members of the Sunday School under the direction of Miss Doreen Bennett, for their parents and friends on Dec. 15th at 8:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall.

The annual Christmas service will be held in St. Mary's Church on Christmas morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Holy Baptism: On October 31st, Margaret Noreen Browne. On Nov. 7th, Amy Louise Churchill.

ST. PHILLIP'S, WESTLOCK

The Ladies Guild held their annual bazaar on Nov. 6th. It was declared opened by the Vicar and proved very successful. Proceeds amounted to \$167.00.

The Christmas Eve Service will be held as usual, beginning at 11:30 p.m. with the singing of Christmas Carols, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion.

CHRIST CHURCH, JARVIE

A very successful tea was held by the W.A. on November 2nd at the home of Mrs. P. Ksendz.

ST. LUKE'S, CLYDE

Holy Baptism: On October 24th, Lyle William Clements.

DRAYTON VALLEY

On Sunday, October 24th, the long awaited day of Confirmation arrived. The Bishop and Mrs. Barfoot and Mr. Buchner arrived in the afternoon and the candidates had a short time of preparation with Mr. Buchner and then the Bishop spoke to them in the church preparatory to the service. Then the ladies of the parish served supper and the Confirmation Service began at 7:00. The candidates were dressed in white with fine veils and the Bishop confirmed them using their names. They were: Betty Whyte, Ivy Herndon, Irene Herndon, Eileen Gonski, Audrey Hern-

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don. The Bishop addressed the congregation and candidates after the service of Confirmation and there followed the Holy Eucharist when the newly confirmed made their first Communion, together with the congregation.

The next services in the parish will be on the week-end of Nov. 28th.



ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, EDSON

We had a combined Vestry and Congregational meeting after the evening service on Oct. 31st, at which a large number were present, and the future prospects of the parish were discussed. Canon Clough presided. The Bishop, on his way through Edson at the beginning of the month, inspected the renovation of the Rectory. He trusted we should have a Rector in residence after the New Year.

The W.A. is preparing for a sale of work on December 4th and also is catering for a Masonic evening on Nov. 18th. There was a joint service in the theatre on Nov. 18th, at which our Choir assisted.

The funeral of the late Samuel Myrl Hart, conducted under the auspices of the Canadian Legion, took place on November 4th, the Rev. Canon J. C. Matthews, of Onoway, officiating. A veteran of the First World War, the deceased had been in failing health for many years, and passed away at the Col. Mewburn Pavilion, Edmonton. After the comrades had paid their last respects at the graveside, the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Comrade R. Christie. Comrade S. E. Phillips read the burial prayer of the Legion over the grave.

Holy Baptism: Karen Linda Lobban, on Sept. 26th; Wendy Elizabeth Gold, Oct. 10th; Reginald James Pollock, Oct. 10th.

ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

The Rev. T. C. B. Boon

On October 27th, the Bishop paid a visit to the Parish. We thank him for the help and guidance which he gave us and hope that great benefit will result to the Church from the discussions which took place under his direction.

On All Saints' Day there was a Celebration of Holy Communion to which our younger people of high school and school age were invited, and there was a good response. The service was partly Choral and "explained." This is the third occasion in 1948 when special week-day services have been held for our children and young people and we are very pleased with their success.

We hope to repeat them on Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day and All Saints' Day in 1949.

On October 24th, delegates to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Convention in Vancouver were present at the morning service, and we were particularly glad to welcome among them Mr. A. B. Wiswell of Halifax, a member of General Synod and for more than sixty years a Lay Reader in the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

We are now glad to have as our Sunday School teachers the Misses Primrose Heckley, Helen Bowerchuk and Vera Routledge; the latter is taking charge of the primary class in place of Mrs. Stead, who is unable to carry on at present. Mrs. Nordgren is now our pianist and we are looking forward to learning more hymns. The Senior Girls are working hard on the Junior Course 8: we hope to better our record next year in the G.B.R.E. examinations.

The Sunday School White Gift Service will be held in the church on December 12th at 10:00 a.m. Our children have always made a wonderful response to this appeal and we are sure they will do so again this year.

We are very glad St. Mary's Wolf Pack has been re-organized with Messrs. Stan Currie and Jim Ward as Cubmasters, and we have no doubt that they will do excellent work with the boys.

The Hallowe'en Party sponsored by the E.B.W.A. was a great success. About 250 town children being present. We thank all those who in various ways contributed to the great success of the evening.

The members of the J.B.W.A. are busy making goods to be sold at their tea which will be held on December 4th. The Juniors also did a good job of collecting parcels of clothing to be sent in for Social Service work.

We now have a new Parish Notice Board, to be placed at the "local broadcasting station" near the bank. It was made and given to us by Mr. Howard Warne of the C.N. Telegraphs. Mr. Warne was good enough to complete this before he was transferred to Drumheller.



ST. LUKE'S, MAYERTHORPE

The Rev. J. Dicker

Our Annual Bazaar is to be held on December 2nd. The chicken supper held on October 23rd was a success but for the price of chickens.

The next regular meeting of the W.A. will be held at the Ellis Gronley home on the second Thursday in December.

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Glenevis—1st Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Calahoo—3rd Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

Onoway is putting in an electric plant for the village and we are looking forward to having light for the church, vicarage and parish hall.

A number of those who receive the Edmonton Churchman have not so far paid the 50c subscription. Please pay up before the end of the year.

The W.A. had a Whist Party at the home of Mrs. Dixon on Nov. 9th. There were nine tables with a most magnificent lunch. A very enjoyable evening was held for which many thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon for the hospitality of their home.

At Duffield we had the pleasure of a visit from the choir and organist of St. Peter's Church for the Harvest Thanksgiving on Oct. 24th. It was a great occasion and most thoroughly appreciated by the congregation. The Rev. R. S. Faulks preached the sermon and the Rev. F. A. Peake read the Lessons. The whole party was entertained after the service by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tyrrell at their home.

At Glenevis were baptized on Nov. 7th: Sharron Darleen Kaiser, Charlotte Anne Marie Kaiser, Constance Heather Kaiser.

ALL SAINTS', SEBA BEACH

Services were held on October 24th, with Holy Communion and November 14th Evensong with Holy Baptism of Ronald George Hamar of Entwistle, conducted by the Rev. Canon J. C. Matthews.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Galpin and son with us from Brightwood on the occasion of their grandson being admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Flock.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

The Rev. Vincent Cole

The November meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. C. Hamilton. Plans were made for the Annual Tea and Bazaar to be held in the Parish Hall on December 4th.

The Girls' Auxiliary have been busy selling Christmas Cards to raise funds to meet their pledges.

On Sunday, October 31st, a meeting of the Junior Congregation was held to elect the Junior Vestry. Fred Otto and Gerald Fisher are the new wardens. Members of the Junior Congregation will be taking part in the services on the third Sunday of each month. It is very encouraging to see the Junior Congregation taking such an active interest in their Church, and we are reminded that "a little child shall lead them."

Sunday School staff members, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. R. J. Whitson, Mrs. R. Lugg, Miss J. Hubbard, Miss J. Fisher and Miss G. Fisher accompanied Mr. Cole to Vermilion on November 5th, to attend a Sunday School Teachers' meeting that was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Peake.

We were very pleased to have Mr. Peake with us on Sunday, November 7th and were greatly impressed by his address.

Holy Matrimony: Nov. 11th, Peter S. Iskiw and Annie Cheremski.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

Holy Communion was celebrated Oct. 24th and Evensong Nov. 14th.

The W.A. met on Nov. 3rd at the home of Mrs. Glen Coulter. It was decided to auction our remaining Christmas Cards (1947) and bazaar articles at a forthcoming party. The Little Help-

ers' Mission Box was handed around, a substantial collection being taken. Our Associate Member in England is in receipt of a food parcel sent her by St. Alban's. All articles were in excellent condition.

On Nov. 1st, a vestry meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Cornish in order to make final arrangements for a whist and bridge party to be held Nov. 3rd which took place with a big crowd in attendance. Two angel food donated by Mrs. McDonald were auctioned. Ice cream donated by Mannville Hotel realized \$1.25, and \$23.90 was taken in at the door. The prize winners for whist were Mrs. T. H. Roston and Mr. W. E. Cornish, and for bridge were Mrs. McDonald and W. R. Cornish. Everybody reported a good time and promised to come again on the 17th, when another such party is planned.

St. Alban's welcomes to its congregation Roy Gardner, recently out from England. We sincerely hope his stay in Chailey will be a happy one.

Mrs. T. H. Roston is home again after five months in England. She reports food conditions in the towns as being very poor.

BLACKFOOT

The Bishop was present at our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Oct. 10th, and the church was well filled. A nice supply of vegetables was sent to the Lloydminster Hospital.

The Rev. G. A. Harding of England, accompanied by Mrs. Harding, took the service Oct. 31st. He spent his student ministry around 1912 in these parts and well remembers the little old churches.

The Sunday School attendance is keeping up well.

proximately forty adults present in the evening. A fruitful discussion followed Mr. Peake's address and it is hoped that his next visit will not be long delayed for there are still a few problems in connection with the G.B.R.E.

The W.A., the members of the Girls' Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary are working extremely hard in preparation for the Christmas Tea and Bazaar. The quality, variety and number of articles being prepared suggests that this will be the most successful bazaar ever sponsored by these groups.

The two boys' groups are working hard at their various programmes and the Wolf Cub group are gradually being fitted out with uniforms.

The members of the senior choir are shortly commencing work upon special anthems for the Christmas season. This group are under the able direction of Mr. Wear, with Mr. Griffiths as organist.

We welcome Mrs. Roland Wilkins as a member of the Sunday School staff, this bringing the number of teachers up to six. Incidentally, we would like to contact one or two more ladies who are either trained teachers or willing to take training in this most important part of the church's work.

Our thanks to Mr. Withnel for doing the construction work upon a new washroom in the parish hall. We would also like to thank the Woman's Auxiliary for providing the necessary funds for this project.

Weddings: Ronald William Thurston to Florence Eva Pugh; Selmer Paulson to Alice McKinnon; John Martin Greer to Rachel Gilbert; Leo Keith Cotter to Kathleen Thelma Rutherford; Thomas Alfred Oakes to Betty Sophia Carter.

Baptism: Ronald Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Middlemass.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The Hallowe'en Bean Supper sponsored by the W.A. was held in the Memorial Hall on Oct. 28th, and was a decided success. There was a large gathering, and there were many favorable comments regarding the hall and table decorations and also the delightful meal. The waitresses looked very smart in their Hallowe'en headbands and aprons. Credit is due Mrs. Baptist for making these. The Lindbrook ladies came out in full force and helped the local W.A. in many ways. We were very thankful for their assistance during the rush period. Our thanks are extended to all who helped by their attendance, donations of money, or food and goodwill. It means a good deal of work for all, including our Rector and his wife, and the various convenors, but it was well worth the effort.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. L. Gill at Lindbrook on Nov. 4th. There were eleven members and six visitors present. We were favored with lovely weather and had a successful meeting.



Rural Deanery of Wainwright

WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. F. E. Smith

During the past few weeks we have had several visitors of note. The first was Mrs. C. H. Harris, treasurer of the Diocesan W.A. She was the guest speaker at a Parochial Ladies' Rally, to which all the ladies of the parish were invited. A fitting climax to this meeting was the inauguration of the Park Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. This is composed of the young married women of the parish, and promises to be a very active branch. Mrs. Humphries was elected president, Mrs. Wachter vice-president, Mrs. Parker secretary-treasurer, Miss Elsie Hay-

ward, Dorcas secretary, and Miss Betty Schumacher, Educational secretary.

We were delighted to have the Bishop with us at the last Parochial Council meeting. His advice upon many matters connected with the parish was much appreciated. We were glad to have representatives from the Gilt Edge district with us at this meeting. In future we are hoping that it will be possible for our church to play a more active part in the affairs of that community.

The Western Field Secretary of the G.B.R.E., the Rev. F. Peake, was with us recently for an afternoon and an evening. There were forty or fifty children at the afternoon meeting, and ap-

Some generous donations were handed in that day. After the usual devotionals and allocation of funds preliminary plans were made for the Annual Christmas Bazaar to be held in the hall on Saturday, Dec. 4th. A sumptuous lunch was served by our hostess.

Services: In the absence of our Vicar, who was indisposed on Nov. 7th, Messrs. Drew, McCarthy and Robinson carried on; the latter gave a very fine sermon.

The Remembrance Day Service was well attended. Colonel E. B. Wilson was present to unveil the new plaque and cross raised in honor of our dead and made possible by the I.O.D.E. and the Legion. Following the laying of wreaths and the usual Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph the parade and public proceeded to the Memorial Hall for the Remembrance Day Service conducted by the Chaplain of the Legion, the Rev. E. N. P. Orme, who was assisted by Mr. Richer of the United Church and Mr. Brotsky of the Baptist Church. There was a massed choir of the respective churches. Our Vicar's address was outstanding.

We were glad to welcome Mr. Tom Porter back from his holiday in England. He was accompanied on his re-

turn by his two nieces, Mrs. Caley and Mrs. Robinson. Both these ladies had attended school here many years ago, returning to England about 1919. Mrs. Caley and Mrs. Robinson are meeting many old-time friends and their month's stay is proving a very happy one for them. Mr. Porter had not seen the old land for 38 years and was quite impressed with the many changes.



RODINO

Service was held at Rodino School on October 24th. The service on November 7th was combined with the Remembrance Day Service in Kinsella, which was held jointly with the United Church.

During the winter months we will have services in the homes instead of the schoolhouse.

The November meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Revill, to make final plans for the bazaar and supper. The W.A. is sponsoring the sale of lunch at a local auction sale on November 16th.



Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

CAMROSE

The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard

The thanksgiving week-end was made an occasion in Camrose by the visit of Archdeacon Tackaberry for our Harvest Services. The day included Holy Communion at Camrose at 8:30 a.m.; Holy Communion and Holy Baptism in the Willowdale Mission at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blades. The choir from Camrose assisted in the service, and the children baptized were Winifred Joan Blades and Richard Neal Toews. All made a happy luncheon party afterwards—a grand total attendance of 62. Harvest Evensong at Bittern Lake at 3:00 and at Camrose at 7:30 p.m. completed a most successful day, and the Archdeacon's presence and messages were much appreciated throughout the parish.

Another welcome visitor to the parish was the Rev. Dr. H. G. Watts, representing the whole church in its aspect as Missionary Society. His excellent films on China, Japan, and India, and his encouraging presentation of our

evangelistic opportunities were a real stimulus.

Some of the Camrose boys had a "different" view of the church's work when they were able to assist in two programmes of the Sunday School of the Air, and they greatly enjoyed that queer feeling of hearing one's own voice.

One of our new efforts is a Men's Club which meets in the Parish Hall every other Friday night. Wednesday afternoons and other times are used for work parties by representatives of all groups in the parish—putting up and insulating our parish hall ceiling, building a new sidewalk, and so on. The Young Married Group repeated successfully their Bridal Pageant. The choir is busy with Christmas music, and others are preparing the Christmas tableaux.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

The Rev. H. G. Watts, Field Secretary of the M.S.C.C., visited this parish on Oct. 22nd. Those who were fortunate enough to hear him were very much interested in his account of the church's

work, and we regret he was unable to show his films here.

On Oct. 31st, we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. G. Bruce, representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society. His address was particularly interesting because he could tell at first hand of the work in Korea, where he was stationed at one time. The zeal and devotion of the colporteurs in that unsettled country and the readiness of the people to buy and read the Scriptures were a theme of inspiration to us here.

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To a little new Babe in a manger bare,
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God, give us wisdom through joy to foresee
The awful shadow of Calvary's tree;
That we may prove by our lives, the pain
Endured that dark Friday was not in vain.

Let nations and folk dwell in unity.
May striving give way to humility.
Cause misunderstanding and war to cease,
And reign in Thy Glory, O Prince of Peace

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